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The rear one story drill hall over full basement is seven bays long punctuated by strip buttresses. Basement windows occur two per bay, 5/2 stationary panels with stone sills and tops under the line of stone molding corresponding to that of the water table on the front block. At first floor level are two windows per bay, 3/5 stationary panels with flat brick arches and brick sills. In the second to last bay metal stairs give access to first floor doors. The east and west sides of the rill hall are identical.

The rear wall of the drill hall reveals a lightly pitched gable roof. A one story brick garage and fenced motor compound seal the rear from the road.

8. Significance

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The Chestertown, Maryland Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the twentieth century. It derives additional significance from its role as a social center for its community, a function it has served continuously since its construction date. Architecturally, the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, including a T shaped plan with a two-story front "head house" section and a one-story perpendicular "drill hall" extending to the rear; its facade is detailed to recall Medieval

Significance Evaluated:

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

Chestertown Armory Continuation sheet Kent County, Maryland

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

In Kent County...on the east side of the state road leading from Chestertown into Quaker Neck:

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME on the east side of the aforesaid state road at a point 40 feet southerly from the intersection of the property of the Red "C" Oil Company and other property of the said Thomas W. Spranklin and running from thence by and with the east side of said road, south 22 degrees and 58 minutes west, 360 feet; thence south 26 degrees and 39 minutes east, 767 feet and 4 inches to Chester River; thence by and with the waters of Chester River north 70 degrees and 4 minutes east, 40 feet; thence north 19 degrees and 56 minutes 210 feet; thence north 22 degrees and 58 minutes east, 170 feet to the lands of the said Thomas W. Spranklin, which lands are being retained by the said Thomas W. Spranklin as a drive-way; thence north 19 degrees and 56 minutes west, 688 feet and 3 inches to the aforesaid beginning point and containing 31/2 acres of land, more or less.

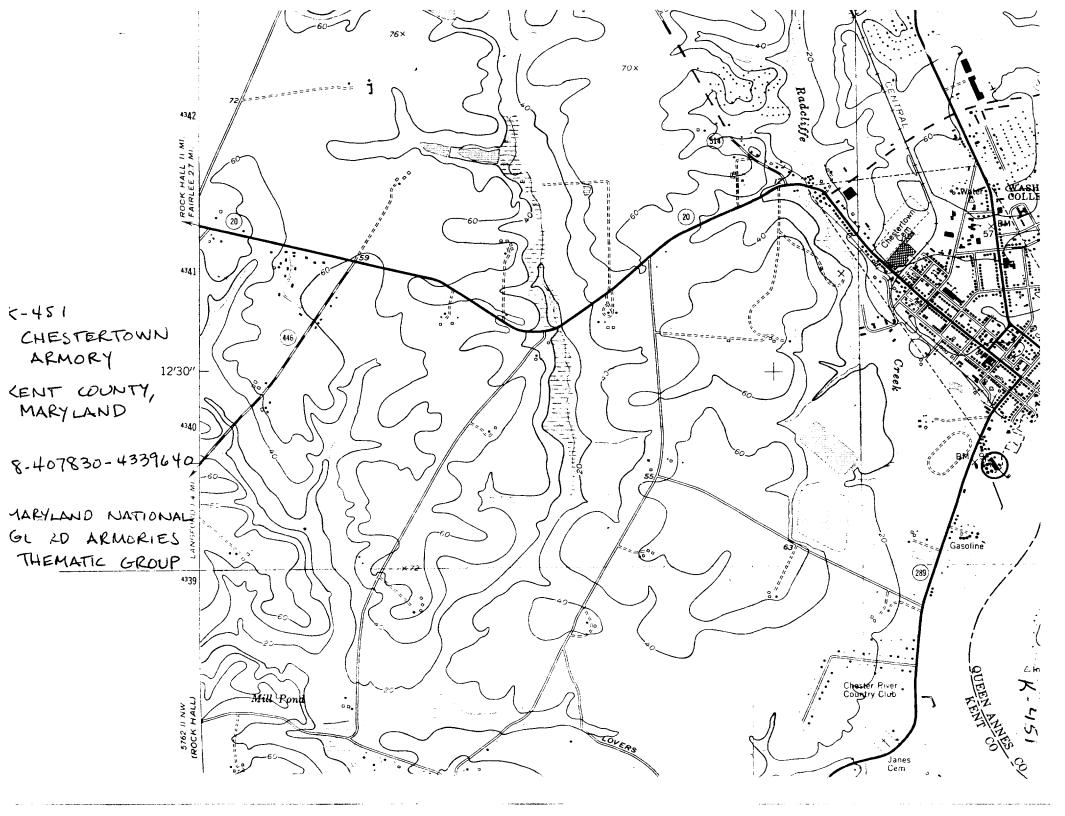
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9. Major Bibliog phical References

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RECOMMENDATION: Continued use of the Chestertown Armory as a National Guard installation with selected community activities.

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Susan Moore, Historic Sites	s Surveyor
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE July, 1980
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

K-451 Chestertown Armory Kent County Description

Continuation Sheet #1

The rear one story drill hall over full basement is seven bays long punctuated by strip buttresses. Basement windows occur two per bay, 5/2 stationary panels with stone sills and tops under the line of stone molding corresponding to that of the water table on the front block. At first floor level are two windows per bay, 3/5 stationary panels with flat brick arches and brick sills. In the second to last bay metal stairs give access to first floor doors. The east and west sides of the drill hall are identical.

The rear wall of the drill hall reveals alightly pitched gable roof. A one story brick garage and fenced motor compound seal the rear from the road.

CHAIN OF TITLE

K-451 Chestertown Armory Chestertown, Maryland

RAS6/248 3/14/1931 Deed

From Thomas W. Spranklin and Sarah E. Spranklin, his wife, to the State of Maryland (Military Department).

Consideration: \$3,500 in fee simple.

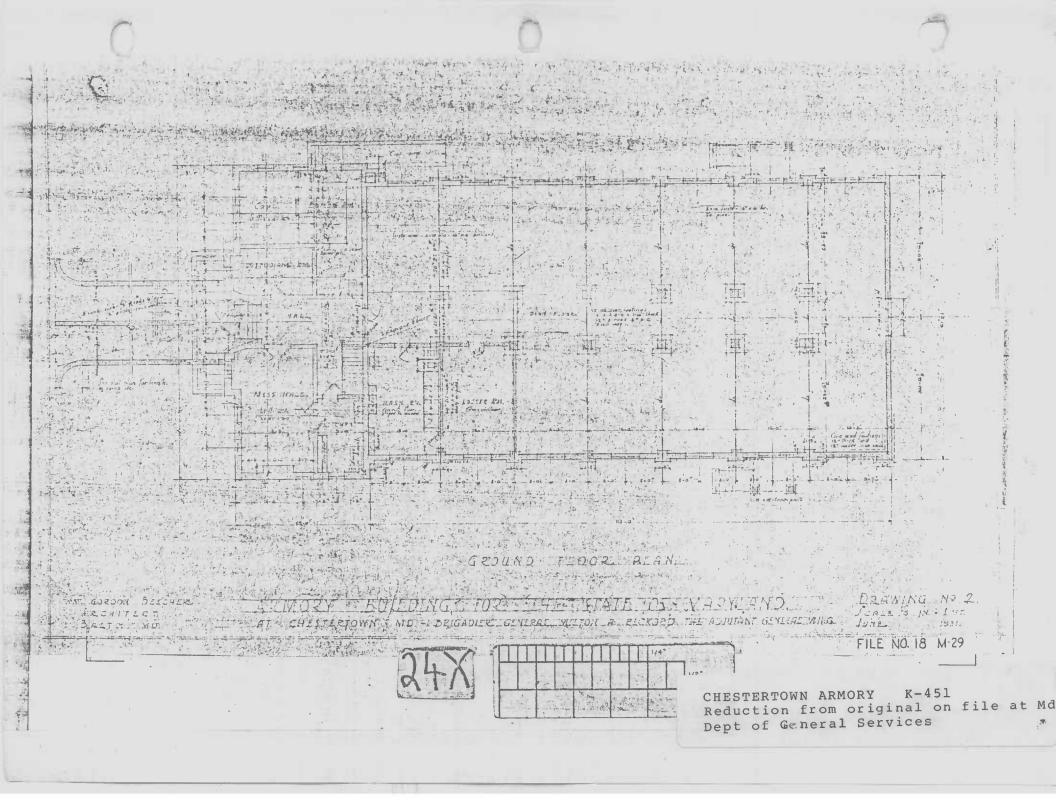
K-451 Chestertown Armory Kent County Geographical Data

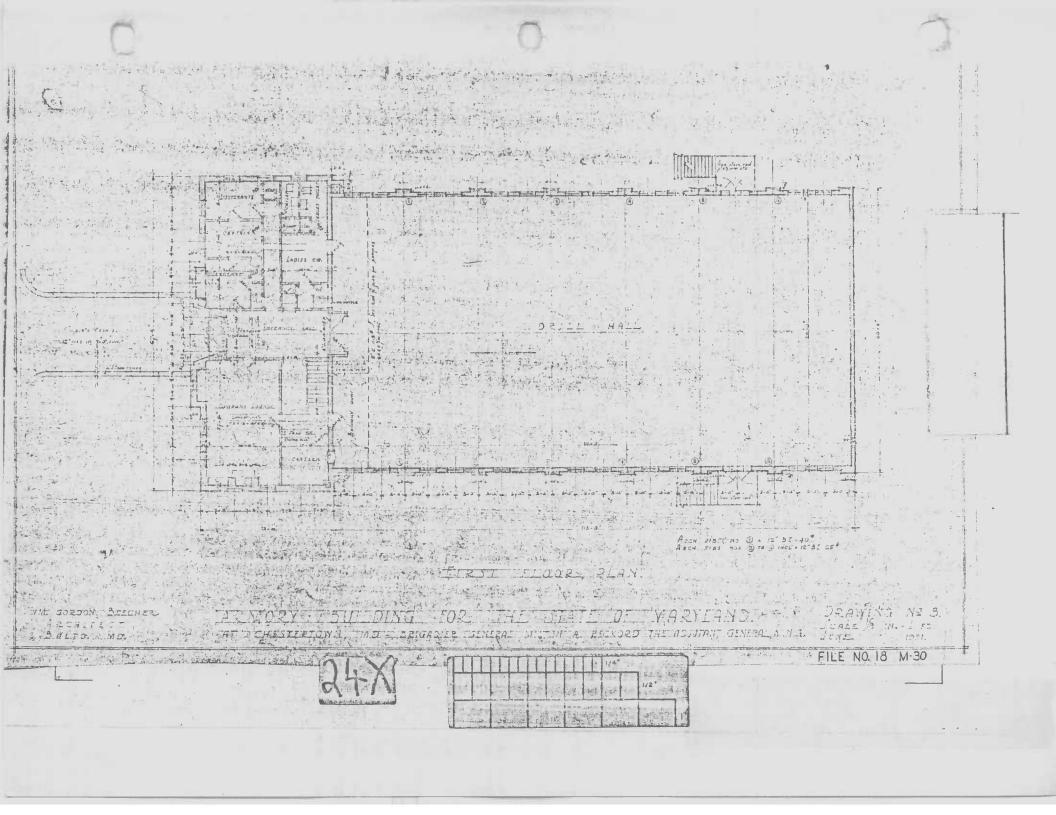
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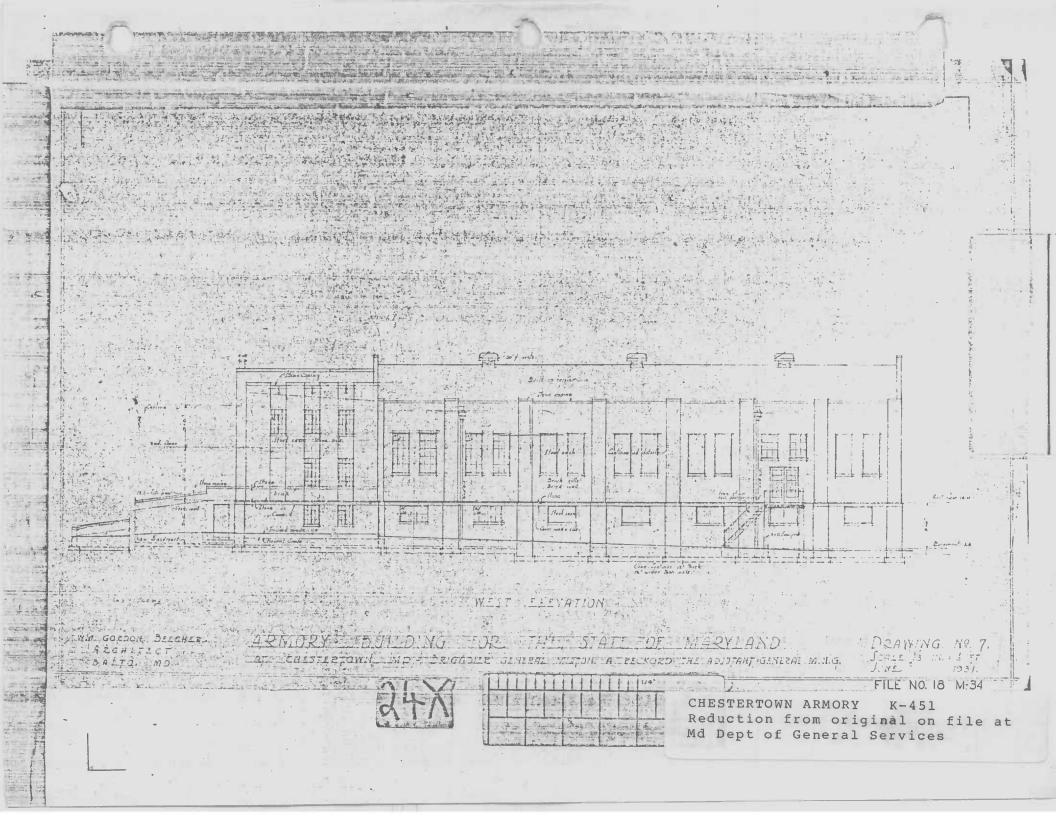
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

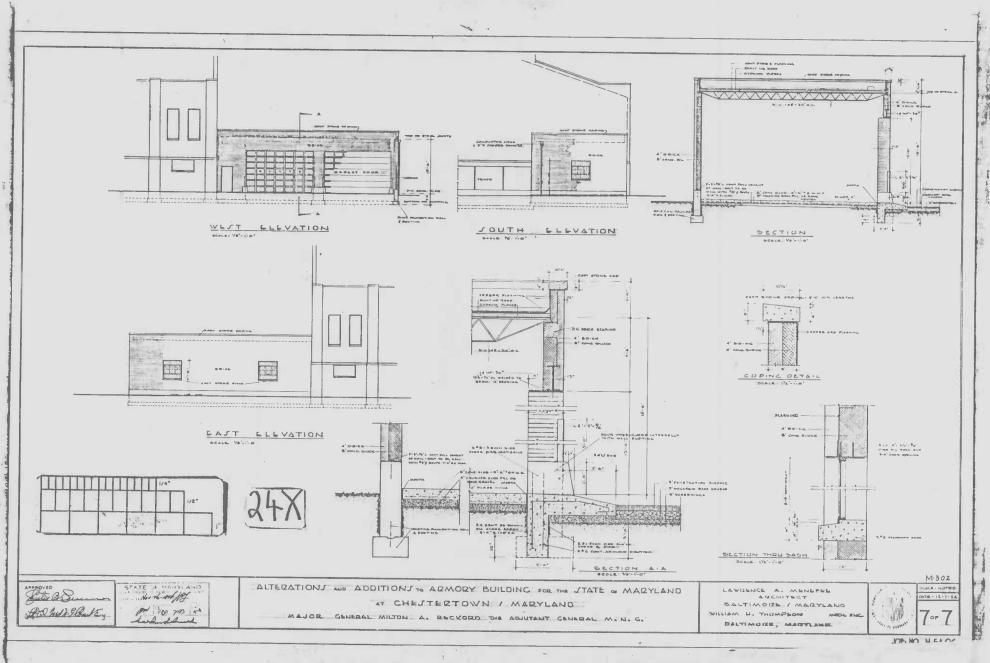
In Kent County...on the East side of the State Road leading from Chestertown into Quaker Neck:

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME on the East side of the aforesaid State Road at a point 40 feet Southerly from the intersection of the property of The Red "C" Oil Company and other property of the said Thomas W. Spranklin and running from thence by and with the East side of said road, South 22 degrees and 58 Minutes West, 360 feet; thence South 26 degrees and 39 Minutes East, 767 feet and 4 inches to Chester River; thence by and with the waters of Chester River North 70 degrees and 4 Minutes East, 40 feet; thence North 19 degrees and 56 Minutes West 210 feet; thence North 22 degrees and 58 Minutes East, 170 feet to the lands of the said Thomas W. Spranklin, which lands are being retained by the said Thomas W. Spranklin as a drive-way; thence North 19 degrees and 56 Minutes West, 688 feet and 3 inches to the aforesaid beginning point and containing 3½ Acres of land, more or less.

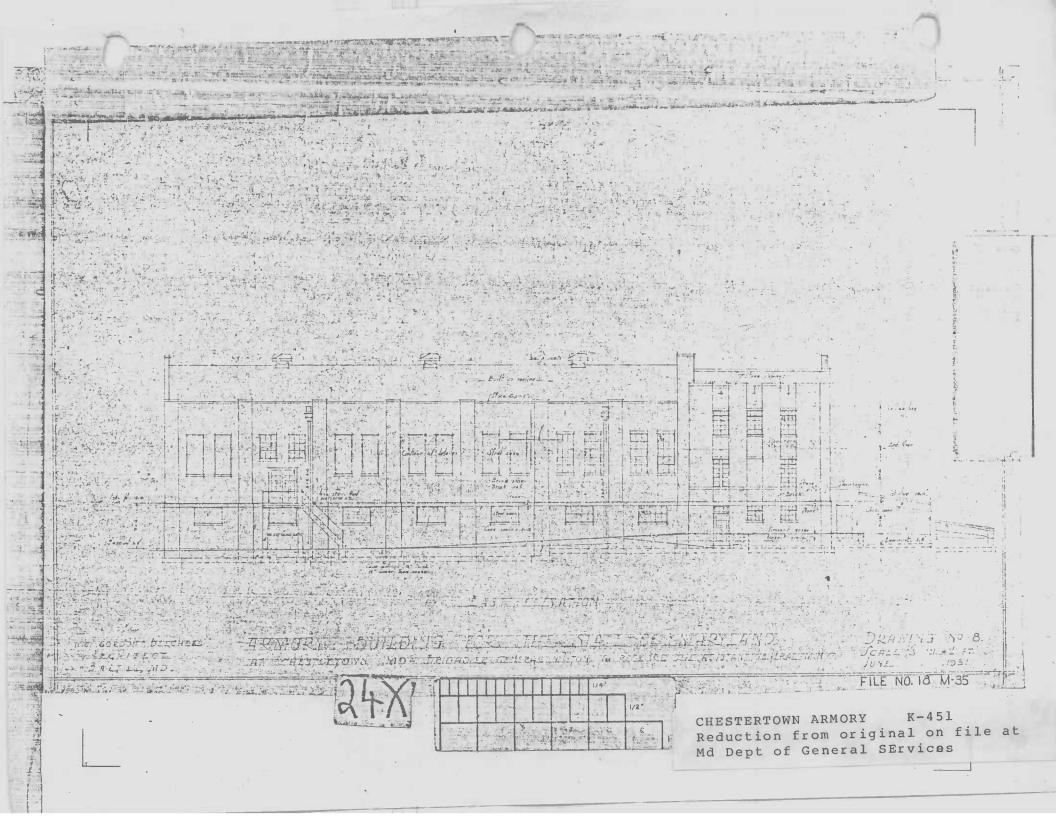


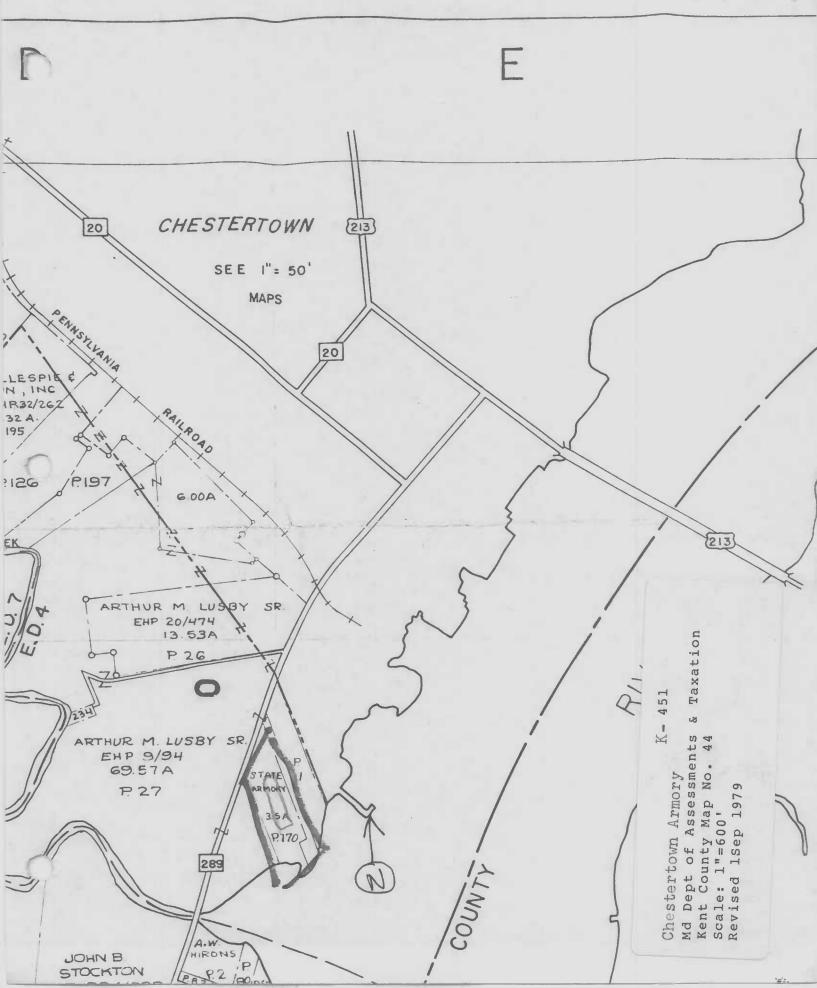


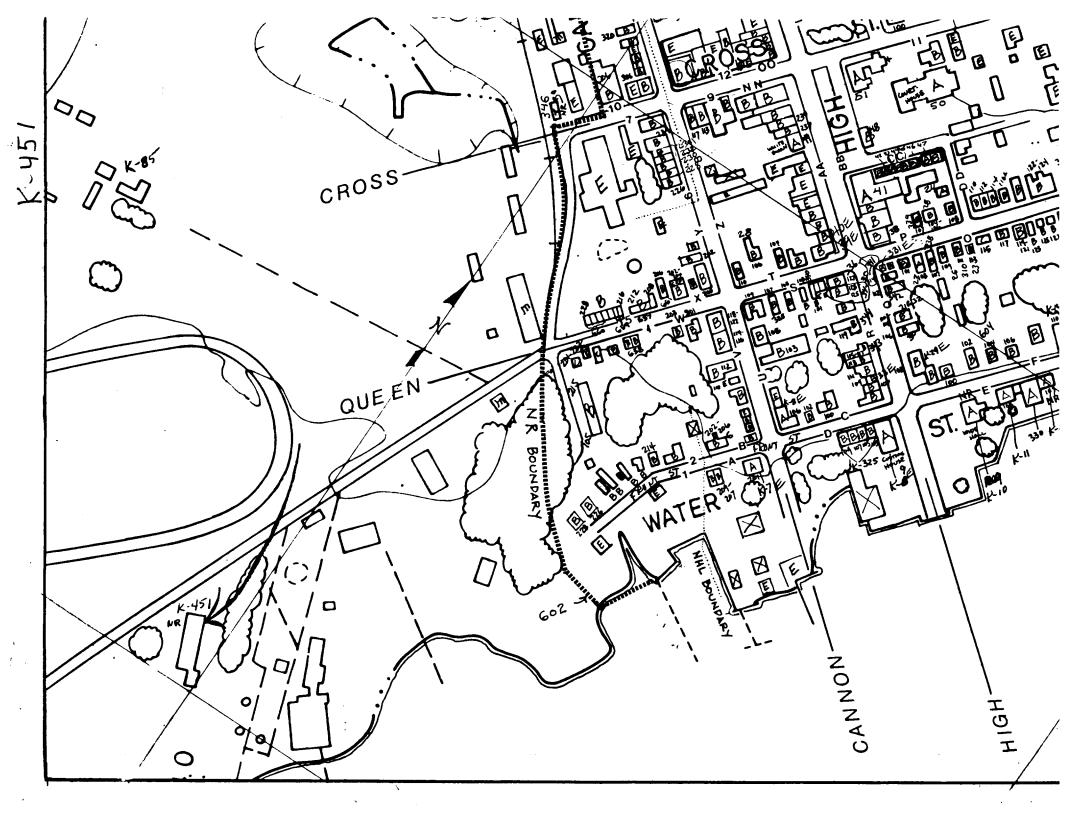


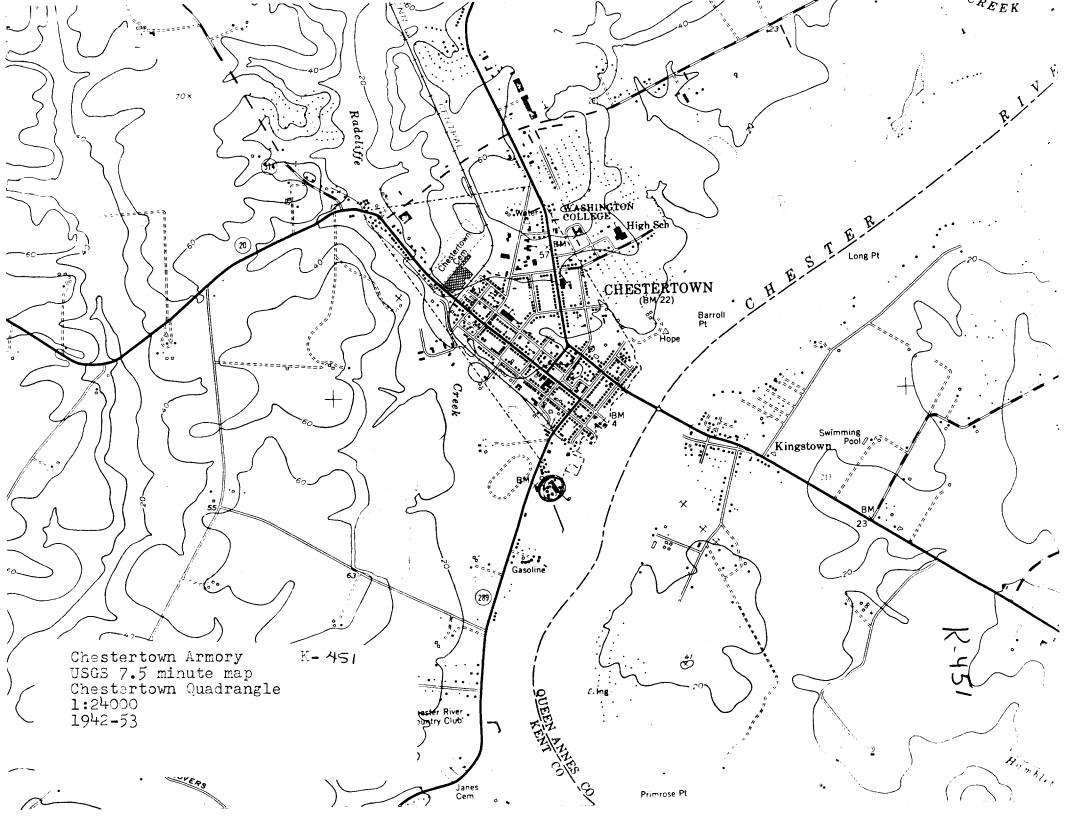


CHESTERTOWN ARMORY Reduction from or











Chestertown Armory K-451
Kent County, Maryland
photo: Susanne Moore
neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md
July 1980
North elevation

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Chestertown Armory K-451
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Southeast corner
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